

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. issued the following statement about today's criminal indictment of Representative Tom DeLay, the Republican Majority Leader in the House of Representatives.

"Representative DeLay wields tremendous power in Congress. He rules the Republican-controlled House with an iron fist. But, as the old saying warns, 'power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely'," Congressman Jackson said.

Jackson added, "Today's indictment proves that no one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. If the criminal conspiracy charges prove true, Representative DeLay should promptly resign his office for the good of the Congress and the nation," Jackson concluded.